



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/564,681 Confirmation No.: 2066

Applicant(s): Gabrielsson et al.

Filed: 07/05/2004

Art Unit:

Examiner:

Title: Locking Element

Attorney Docket No.: 003D.0087.U1 (US)

Customer No.: 29,683

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Petition Under 37 CFR §1.47(a)

Sir:

Applicant's attorney hereby petitions under 37 CFR §1.47(a) for a patent in the above-identified patent application.

Enclosed are the following items to support this petition:

- Statement of Facts;
- Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(g) ; and ..
- Inventor declaration signed by some of the inventors (the signing inventors).

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Respectfully submitted,

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9/20/06

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Statement of Facts to Support
Petition Under 37 CFR §1.47(a)

Sir:

The undersigned hereby declares:

I, Mark Harrington, am a patent attorney with the law firm of Harrington & Smith, LLP, 4 Research Drive, Shelton, CT 06484.

Based upon information and belief, one of the inventors, **Bart Verreydt** (hereinafter the non-signing inventor), in the above-identified patent application refuses to sign the oath/declaration for the present application or cannot be found or reached after diligent effort. Therefore, application for patent in the above-identified patent application is being made on behalf of the non-signing inventor by all the available joint inventor(s).

Relationship To The Inventor:

The undersigned has no relationship to the non-signing inventor.

Proof That The Inventor Cannot Be Found Or Reached After A Diligent Effort Or Refuses To Execute The Application Papers:

- On June 29, 2006 a letter was sent to the non-signing inventor with a declaration for the present application. A copy of that letter is attached as Exhibit A. No reply from the non-signing inventor was received to that letter.
- On August 23, 2006 a letter was sent by the undersigned to the non-signing inventor at his last known address. A copy of that letter is attached in Exhibit B. The letter and documents referred to in the letter were sent to the non-signing inventor via Express Mail with a pre-paid return envelope. The documents included a copy of the application as filed including a copy of the specification, claims and drawings. No reply was received to that letter.
- On September 6, 2006 a letter was sent by the undersigned to the non-signing inventor at his last known address. A copy of that letter is attached in Exhibit C. The letter and documents referred to in the letter were sent to the non-signing inventor via Federal Express with a pre-paid return envelope. The documents included a copy of the application as filed including a copy of the specification, claims and drawings. No reply was received to that letter.

Last Known Address Of Inventor:

Based upon information and belief, the last known address of the inventor is:

Mr. Bart Verreydt
Bremstraat 11
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Proof That The Filing Of The Application Is Necessary:

The U.S. national stage application was filed with the USPTO on 1/13/2006. A Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 was mailed on 04/24/2006. A response to the Notice was due by 06/24/2006. Unless this application for patent (without the non-signing inventor's signature) is accepted, the above-identified application will go abandoned.

Thus, the present Petition Under 37 CFR §1.47(a) is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 9/20/06

By: Mark Harrington

Name: Mark Harrington

Exhibit A



Mr Bart VERREYDT
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Versailles, June 29, 2006

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Re : US Patent application corresponding to PCT/EP2004/051354
filed on July 5, 2004 for "Locking element"

Dear Mr Bart VERREYDT,

For the above-identified case, we beg you to find enclosed :

- "DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION" ; and
- "ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION",

for execution by you as one of the inventors. These documents are already executed by Mr Per Gabrielson.

Please execute these documents and return them to me imperatively before July 10, 2006. You can also send them to me only via email (pdf file).

We wish you good receipt of the present with enclosures and we remain, with our best regards.

Very truly yours,

Christian DON
FCI - Intellectual Property Department
Patent, Trademark & Domain Name Paralegal

Encl. : 2 documents

Exhibit B

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August 23, 2006

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"Locking Element"
FCI Ref. No.: C3420-EBEM
Our Ref. No.: 003D.0087.U1(US)

Dear Mr. Verreydt:

We represent FCI for the above-identified patent application in the United States. Enclosed is a copy of the application including the description, claims and drawings. You are one of the inventors as identified in the International Application No.: PCT/EP2004/051354. We need to file a declaration in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to complete the national stage filing requirements. Enclosed is a copy of the declaration for your signature. Please sign and date the enclosed declaration and return it to us in the enclosed prepaid Federal Express return envelope as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

HARRINGTON & SMITH, LLP

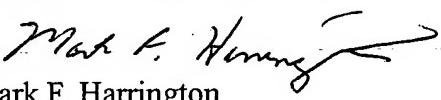

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Exhibit C

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